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# People of Pittsburgh II: THE CONSTELLATIONIST celebrating an extraordinary ordinary Pittsburgher

### Wed-Sun, July 12-16, 7 PM Attack Theatre Studios



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### CREATORS' NOTES

From Rusty Thelin, Director/ Co-Deviser: The Constellationist is a love letter, like the letters Molly and I write to those we truly love; and we truly love Mary Helen Carey.

Watching Molly, who is the love of my life, go through this process of retelling a person's life, of hearing their most intimate details, of sometimes bringing up painful emotions in both the subject and the interviewer, was a harrowing experience for me. On the one hand, I don't ever want to see anyone go through that again; on the other, I know we will absolutely go through it again the next time we do a show. As creators of theater about real people, we grapple with exactly what to share with audiences and what to keep to ourselves. so our audience gets the full impact of "real stories", uncovering a well-rounded portrait of a human being. Many a rehearsal with the ensemble involved deep discussions about what it means to be alive today. Some of these talks were revelatory, others mundane, the best were possibly cathartic. Mary's story is everyone's story, to some extent. That is the impulse behind People of Pittsburgh. We are all people, regardless and in spite of the qualities that separate us. While we at RealTime are interested in the qualities that make people different, we are more interested in the things that link us all together. And if you look closely and carefully at anyone, we all contain multitudes, some aspects of which can be expressed as beautiful, even stunning works of art. Hopefully this play captures the tiniest fraction of that art and the multitudes contained within Ms. Mary, the Constellationist of Braddock. PA.

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From Molly Rice, Conceiver/ Writer/ Co-Deviser:

To the ensemble, artist collaborators and team members: I love and admire every one of you. Thank you for your endless creativity, wit, intelligence, patience and generosity during this process.

Things I learned (or remembered) from working on this play:

- 1. There are people around us every minute of every day, seen and unseen, reshaping our world through relentless love.
- 2. Try not to enjoy talking to your subjects so much that you collect 200 hours of interviews. 100 is probably plenty.
- 3. Creativity is the most powerful engine on the planet.
- 4. Loss is inevitable. Love is a choice.
- 5. The only antidote for loss is love.

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Friday - Saturday 10am - 7pm

## CAST & CREW

#### Lead Artists:

Molly Rice: Conceiver, writer, co-deviser Christine McCray Bethea: Environmental Design

#### Core Artist Team:

Bayley Brown: Audio/ Sound Design Cheryl Capezzuti Original Puppets Deavron Dailey: Banners Rusty Thelin: Director/ Co-Deviser

#### Community Devising Ensemble:

Aerin Adams, Erika Denae J, Sanford Mark Barnes II, Calise Cowans-Rini, Lish Danielle, Azriel Hutchins, Elliott Rose Hutchins, Jasmariah Johnson-Parker, Travis Matuke. Featuring Michele Bankole performing Saturday night for Erika Denae J!

Original Songs and Music by: Sanford-Mark Barnes, Erika Denae J, Travis Matuke with Aerin Adams

#### Production Team:

Jess Levine: Production Stage Manager Zev Woskoff: Assistant Stage Manager, Sound Board Operator, Volunteer Coordinator Bella Bergamin: Light Board Operator, Studio Tech



## THE TEAM (CONT.)

Audio interview collation: Lindsay Herring Marketing design: Allie Amoaye Photography: Laura Petrilla

Interviewees: Ombrea Askew, Roslyn Berry, Christine Bethea, Dwayne Hopkins, James Kidd, Jan McMannis, Laura Petrilla, Leslie Stem, Cathy Welsh, Troy West, Jadon Wilkes, Kenya "Lil Homie" Jordan

Production Intern: Stephen Tao Marketing intern: Kaitlyn Markert

Volunteers: Melanie Marshall, Lindsay Herring, Kaitlyn Markert, Karen and Gil Hart, Jamie Agnello, Becky Hukill, Leeann Younger, Divya Heffley, Hazel Leroy

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## SPECIAL THANKS

Steven Wilson; Ira Cambric; Gregg Kander and Tayler from The Ohringer; Cathy Welsh and Mama Roz from HOOP; Staycee Pearl; Royal Outlawz; Gisele Fetterman, Kristen Maser Michaels & The Hollander Project; Travis Matuke for the rides; Lish Danielle for the warmups; Summer Curtright; James McNeel @ City Theatre; Peter Cope, Michele de la Reza & the Attack Team, AJ Myers Bus Service



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CONGRATS,

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Mary is part of the Age-Friendly Community Panel, a group of residents who serve as age-friendly consultants to organizations and businesses. To learn more, contact Randi Vega at randi@agefriendlypgh.org or 412-439-2025.

### AUNT CHERYL'S baking & catering ... from the heart ...

Congratulations, Mary, you are truly the person who connects people to people, stars to stars!! Tonight we celebrate the star that you are!!

> Sincerely, Aunt Cheryl's Cafe.



#### WALK-IN HOURS

at the Hollander in Braddock:

Wednesdays, 6-8 Click the QR code for more info:



HOOP is a coalition of families from the Woodland Hills School District that have lost a child to gun violence. We aim to heal, inspire, motivate, and mentor individuals throughout the community - with a goal of disrupting the disease of violence and preventing future loss.

#### INITIATIVES INCLUDE:

- Monthly Grief Support Meetings
- Monthly Journaling Group with Mama Roz and RealTime Arts
- Remembrance Walks
- Youth & Community events

This show is dedicated to all those lost to gun violence in Braddock. You are loved. You are missed.

> Shayne Abrams Chevenne Allen Isaiah Anderson Micheal Arnold Derek Benzo Radee Berry Qadree Berry Tyrell Bowyer Dontae Broadius Willis Brooks Jayden Brown Matthew Brown Eric Bundy Antonio Burleigh Lamont Darnell Carey Morgan D **Eugene David** Vallen Davies Robert DeTorre Marvin Dewitt Matthews **Rontez Durham** Delasia Dutrieuille **Randy Edwards** Angelique Etny Nandi Fitzgerald Shelton Flowers Isaiah Freeman Jessica Freeman

Walter Glenn Justin Gomez Micah Graham Augustus C. Gray **Tysean Gray** Doualas Grinage Jasmine Guest Arika Hainsworth Calvin Hall Antonio Hampton Emery Heard-Ellis Jamal Holyfield Anthony Hoots Mack Hoots Jr. John Hutson Robert lafone James Tori Jeeter Brandon Johns Jeremiah Jones Norris (Scurry) Jones Ted Jones Jo Lawrence Vito Sanchez Lee Jason Lewis Jordan Lewis Joshua Lona **Kevin Lovelace** Cortez Lucas Shada Mahone Garrick Marshman III Leyral Matthews Richard McClinton Paul Mcmillian Tyrone Milton **Derron Milton** Amari Mitchel Diondra Morant George Morrison Jeffery Thomas Nash Desmond Nowlin Denzel Nowlin Jr. Kennir Parr

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Mary wishes to dedicate her involvement in the show to Tonee Turner. "I love you. I miss you. We're waiting for you to come home." -Mary

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The Wilkins School Community Center thanks Ms. Mary for all she does for our community!

# THE OHRINGER

The Ohringer Arts apartments and studios celebrate the life of Mary Helen Carey and the resilience and resurgence of the Braddock Community!